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C O N F I D E N T I A L OTTAWA 1516

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SUBJECT: CANADIAN NATURAL GAS EXPORT PRICE INCREASE

1. EXTAFF OFFICER CONFIRMED TO EMBOFF THIS MORNING ACCURACY OF PRESS REPORTS THAT NO REPEAT NO FINAL DECISION ON INCREASE IN PRICE OF NATURAL GAS EXPORTS WAS TAKEN AT APRIL 24 CABINET MEETING. HE STATED, HOWEVER, THAT MATTER WAS DISCUSSED IN CABINET AND IS STILL BEING CONSIDERED "VERY THOROUGHLY" AND U.S. VIEWS TAKEN "VERY SERIOUSLY". HE NOTED, WITH REFERENCE TO CABINET MEETING, THAT PM TRUDEAU AND MINISTERS MACEACHEN AND TURNER WERE NOT REPEAT NOT PRESENT AND THAT TRUDEAU WOULD BE AWAY FOR NEXT TWO WEEKS. EMBOFF ASKED WHETHER PM'S ABSENCE WOULD DELAY FINAL DECISION AND THE REPLY WAS "NO, THE PM IS NOT INCOMMUNICADO" DURING CARIBBEAN VISIT AND JAMAICA COMMONWEALTH MEETING. EXTAFF OFFICER CONCLUDED BY STATING THAT ENERGY MINISTER MACDONALD'S STATEMENT REPORTED IN PRESS THAT THERE WILL BE A DECISION WITHIN A WEEK, I.E., BY MAY 1, IS "PRETTY ACCURATE". HE STATED U.S. REQUEST FOR MINISTERIAL LEVEL CONSULTATIONS ON PRICE AND
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SUPPLY WAS PART OF WHOLE PACKAGE BEING CONSIDERED BY

THE CABINET AND WOULD BE PART OF THE DECISION LIKELY
TO BE MADE BY THE CABINET AT NEXT WEEK'S MEETING.

2. WHEN EMBOFF QUERIED EXTAFK OFFICER ABOUT MONTREAL
GAZETTE REPORT (APRIL 25) THAT FEDERAL OFFICIALS
INDICATED THE DELAY "MAY BE NOTHING MORE THAN COSMETICS"
SO AS NOT TO GIVE IMPRESSION U.S. VIEWS WERE NOT BEING
GIVEN MUCH CONSIDERATION, HE RESPONDED THAT THIS WAS
A VERY UNFORTUNATE COMMENT AND SIMPLY NOT REPEAT NOT
TRUE.

3. JACK AUSTIN (SEE PARA 3 OF OTTAWA 1483) HAS
INFORMED EMBASSY THAT HE CALLED U.S. POSITION TO PRIME
MINISTER'S ATTENTION BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE.
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